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In re divisional patent application of 09/326,925 filed on June 7, 1999

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For: LOW COST SHALLOW TRENCH ISOLATION USING NON-CONFORMAL
DIELECTRIC MATERIAL

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits and calculation of the filing fee, please amend the
above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, before line 4, insert --The present Application is a Divisional Application of
U.S. Patent Application No. 09/326,925, filed on June 7, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-22 without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 9-14 and 16-22 have been canceled to allow prosecution of claims 8, 15
and 23. No new matter has been added.

The prior application is assigned of record to International Business Machines
Corporation at Reel 010022, and Frame 0052.

Early and favorable prosecution on the merits is respectfully requested.

Please charge any deficiencies in fees and credit any overpayment of fees to

Assignee's Deposit Account No. 09-0456.

Respectfully submitted,



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